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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING ARTIFACTS IN ICU PATIENT RECORDS BY DATA FUSION AND HYPOTHESIS TESTING

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 605 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 605 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	CAROL S. TSAI	2857	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 7/16/2010.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-5, 7-13, 15-19, and 22-26, now renumbered as 1-20.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Carol S Tsai/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2857

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3-5, 6-13, 15-19, and 22-26 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 3. "Multiway Sequential Hypothesis Testing for Tachyarrhythmia Discrimination" to Thakor et al, and U. S. Patent No. 5,830,150 to Palmer et al. are references closest to the claimed invention. Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. disclose a method for monitoring a patient comprising: receiving a plurality of monitored signals carried on leads from the patient, each of the monitored signals providing information as to health of the patient; and in response to the likelihood falling below the predetermined confidence level, generating an alert on a user interface device. However, Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. do not teach employing hypothesis testing against each of the plurality of monitored signals to determine whether an artifact is present in the plurality of monitored signals, in which a null hypothesis includes an assumption that pairs of samples of correlated monitored signals of the plurality of monitored signals have a predetermined distribution, and the predetermined distribution including the same distribution as corresponding pairs of stored versions of the plurality of monitored signals and determining that an artifact may exist in one of the plurality of monitored signals when a likelihood that the null hypothesis is true falls below a predetermined confidence level; and including all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims.

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4. "Multiway Sequential Hypothesis Testing for Tachyarrhythmia Discrimination" to Thakor et al, and U. S. Patent No. 5,830,150 to Palmer et al. are references closest to the claimed invention. Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. disclose a method for monitoring a patient comprising: receiving a plurality of monitored signals carried on leads from the patient, each of the monitored signals providing information as to health of the patient; and in response to the likelihood falling below the predetermined confidence level, generating an alert on a user interface device. However, Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. do not teach a method for detecting an artifact by receiving one or more samples of a plurality of monitored signals carried on leads from a patient calculating, for each of the one or more samples of the plurality of monitored signals a cross probability of observing the sample and another sample assuming a null hypothesis is true, wherein the null hypothesis is that the sample and the other sample have a same distribution as a stored version of the sample of the plurality of monitored signals weighting each of the calculated cross probabilities so that samples being closer to a norm have a larger weight calculating a confidence level associated with each of the cross probabilities repeating the calculating steps for all combinations of pairs of highly correlated monitored signals of the plurality of monitored signals; summing, for each sample, all of the cross probabilities associated with a pair of correlated signals that includes the sample; and on a user interface device, outputting a result for each sample as a probability of not including an artifact in the sample, wherein if one or more of the probabilities of not including an artifact lies below a predetermined threshold, then indicating on the user interface that one or more samples associated with one or more

of the probabilities may include an artifact; and including all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims.

5. "Multiway Sequential Hypothesis Testing for Tachyarrhythmia Discrimination" to Thakor et al, and U. S. Patent No. 5,830,150 to Palmer et al. are references closest to the claimed invention. Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. disclose a method for monitoring a patient comprising: receiving a plurality of monitored signals carried on leads from the patient, each of the monitored signals providing information as to health of the patient; and in response to the likelihood falling below the predetermined confidence level, generating an alert on a user interface device. However, Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. do not teach receiving a plurality of monitored signals from one or more leads; extracting one or more samples of the plurality of monitored signals, calculating, for each of the one or more samples of the plurality of monitored signals, a cross probability of observing each sample and another sample assuming a null hypothesis is true, wherein the null hypothesis is that a combined distribution of the sample and the other sample have a predetermined distribution, calculating a confidence level associated with each of the cross probabilities, repeating the calculating steps for combinations of pairs of highly correlated monitored signals of the plurality of monitored signals summing, for each sample, a plurality of cross probabilities associated with a plurality of pairs of highly correlated signals, each of which includes a sample, outputting for each sample a result, wherein the result is obtained by subtracting the sum from one for each sample, as a probability of including an artifact in each sample, and on a display device, generating a display which indicates to an

operator of the monitoring system, if one or more of the probabilities of including an artifact exceeds a predetermined threshold, then one or more samples associated with the one or more probabilities above the predetermined threshold may include an artifact; and including all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims.

6. "Multiway Sequential Hypothesis Testing for Tachyarrhythmia Discrimination" to Thakor et al, and U. S. Patent No. 5,830,150 to Palmer et al. are references closest to the claimed invention. Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. disclose a method for monitoring a patient comprising: receiving a plurality of monitored signals carried on leads from the patient, each of the monitored signals providing information as to health of the patient; and in response to the likelihood falling below the predetermined confidence level, generating an alert on a user interface device. However, Thakor et al, in combination with Palmer et al. do not teach an apparatus for detecting an artifact in one or more samples, of a plurality of monitored signals, comprising: one or more leads coupled to receive one of the one or more samples of the plurality of monitored signals; a memory to store each of the received one or more samples of the plurality of monitored signals; and a processor coupled to the memory and to the one or more leads and being programmed for calculating a confidence level associated with each of the cross probabilities, repeating the calculating steps for all combinations of pairs of correlated monitored signals of the plurality of monitored signals summing, for each sample all of the cross probabilities associated with a pair of highly correlated signals that includes each sample, and outputting a result for each sample as a probability of not including an artifact in the sample, wherein if one or more of the probabilities of not

including an artifact lies below a predetermined threshold indicating to a user that one or more samples associated with one or more of the probabilities may include an artifact; and including all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CAROL S. TSAI whose telephone number is (571)272-2224. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ramos-Feliciano S. Eliseo can be reached on (571) 272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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August 29, 2010

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/Carol S Tsai/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2857